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A smoke-free PUC?

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Many Indiana college campuses are becoming smoke free. The initiative for this is a movement for a smoke free Indiana.

No more ashtrays, no-smoking signs or smoke breaks.

This may not be the future for PUC, but the shift to smoke-free college campuses is now a growing trend.

Indiana University Northwest went smoke free on Aug. 20, 2007. This initiative was part of smoke-free Indiana, a movement to help protect the rights of nonsmokers and encourage smokers to stop.

From 1991 to 1999, the program was called American Stop Smoking Intervention Study project, according to www.smokefreeindiana.org. In 1999, the program lost funding and is now the model for the new initiative.

Michelle Searer, chair of the tobacco-free task force, said all Indiana University schools are required to become smoke free by 2008.

Searer said IU decided to make all campuses smoke free because major areas of study offered are in health, human services and life sciences. She said it was time to put to practice what is studied there.

Indiana University-Kokomo and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis also went smoke free this year. IU South Bend and Bloomington have yet to be taken up the mandate, but will by 2008.

Searer said students have really kept to the smoke-free environment. She said peer pressure from others help enforce the rule.

"I actually haven't seen anybody smoking on campus," Searer said.

Wes Lukoshus, assistant vice chancellor for advancement, said there is no plan for a completely

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Chronicles of a PUC soldier

Casey Brandon
Staff Writer

Staff writer Casey Brandon is serving a year in Iraq for the Army National Guard. Follow Casey's journey in future issues of The Chronicle.

The day of departure has finally arrived.

I find myself anxious, not that I'm in a hurry to go or really want to.

My unit was scheduled to leave the country a few days ago bound for the Middle East, but for whatever reasons, has been delayed.

The tension is mounting to finally start the mission we found out about more than a year ago. My Unit, F Co 151 INF, got all its boxes checked and has been deemed ready for combat.

Iraq here we come.

We mobilized at Ft. Dix, New Jersey in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Arriving on June 3, we immediately started the mobilization process.

The first month was an unending line of medical checkups, administrative actions, briefs and classes. Time stood still for the first month. The second month was better, as we were training nearly every day.

Most of F Company got a four day pass before we were scheduled to leave. It was a fast four days. Not nearly enough time to do all I wanted and see everyone before I left.

It was kind of a tease, if I may say so.

The last day was the worst. I already said goodbye to my family, friends and girlfriend once — when I left for the mobilization site. Doing it again wasn't any easier. In fact, it was harder — there was a sense of finality about it.

My name is Casey Brandon. I'm a full time student at PUC, a writer for The Chronicle and a soldier in the Army National Guard.

Yes, I know. It's quite a combination.

I've been writing for The Chronicle for only a few months before I mobilized for OIF. I've been attending PUC since fall 2006 to spring 2007 and I've been in the National Guard for four years.

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Enrollment increases on campus

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Senior Staff Writer

Chronicle illustration by Mike Schaefer

Raising the admission standards has helped set a new record in student enrollment.

The enrollment rates have risen 3.3 percent, increasing from 9,303 students last year to 9,607. This breaks the previous record set in 1992 of 9,496. The credit hours taken by students also increased by 4.3 percent.

Freshman-to-sophomore year retention rates rose to 61.6 percent this fall, from 59.8 percent last year.

Anne Agosta-Severa, from the office of registrar and other administrators involved with campus enrollment feel higher admission standards played a significant role in retention rates.

The Strategic Plan was implemented in 2001 to improve areas of the university. One of the components was a five-year initiative in raising GPA and SAT requirements for admission.

The 2005-2006 school year required a minimum GPA of 2.0 and a SAT score of 770. The standards will rise to a minimum 2.5 GPA and 900 SAT score by fall 2010.

The University Village has allowed enrollment services to expand their marketing outreach.

PUC can now recruit students within a 300 mile radius. This specifically includes cities such as St. Louis, Missouri, Grand Rapids, Michigan and Chicago.

Enrollment Services hired former Director of Admissions Robert Fitzpatrick as a regional admissions recruiter in response to the larger prospective student pool.

"It's not a typical dorm. It is becoming more and more of a learning community where students go to class together, they live together, they go to work together and they play together," said Agosta-Severa.

Other Strategic Plan policies participating in the enrollment increase were The Best and Brightest scholarship and the honors program.

The Best and Brightest scholarship is for students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and an SAT score of 1,000 or more. The average GPA for qualifiers was 3.625. Some of these participating students may transfer, but three-out-of-four of these students return to PUC after their first year.

The instructors and fellow students win when the university has better qualified students in the classroom said Ron Kovach, assistant vice chancellor of academic affairs.

Purdue's reputation and PUC's location also weigh into a student's decision to attend. The campus is cheaper than West Lafayette and may be more convenient for students who cannot afford the price of a Big Ten University.

PUC also has a location advantage with its close proximity to Chicago and Lake Michigan.

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Radio voices for Purdue Calumet basketball

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Leslie Visser...Billy Packer...

How would you like to become the 2007-08 radio voice of Purdue Calumet basketball?

During the upcoming season, a yet-to-be-determined number of Peregrines men's and women's games will be broadcast on Hammond radio station WJOB (1230-am). An opportunity is available for two students to perform and produce the broadcasts as play-by-play announcer and color commentator, respectively.

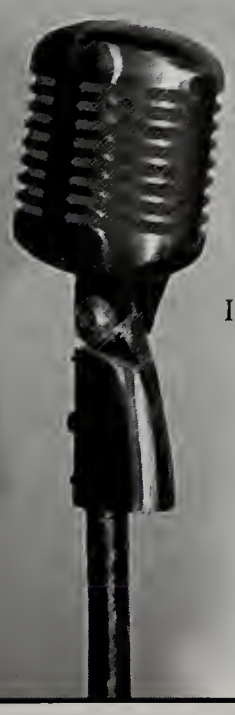
Audition Tuesday, Oct. 23

An audition will be held Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. At that time, the Purdue Calumet men's basketball team will play a preseason scrimmage game. Auditioning broadcast teams of two students each will be asked to perform a simulated broadcast of the scrimmage via cassette tape player, the tape of which will serve as the basis of evaluation and selection of Purdue Calumet's basketball radio broadcasters.

Any Purdue Calumet student, male or female, is eligible to audition. Two-student broadcasting teams can register to audition by contacting the Office of University Relations —
emailing: univrel@calumet.purdue.edu or
phoning: 989-2217 — by Thursday, Oct. 18

Register by contacting University Relations

When registering, each broadcast team should provide the name and contact information — phone number(s) and email address — of each student broadcaster. Each broadcast team is responsible for providing its own recording equipment. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Assistant Vice Chancellor for University Relations Wes Lukoshus (989-2217).



Preseason practice is underway for both our teams. The men's season begins Nov. 1 with the annual Kettle Classic to benefit the Salvation Army. Purdue Calumet plays the University of St. Francis at home at 8 p.m. The Lady Peregrines open their season the following evening with their annual Lady Peregrines Classic, facing Illinois Institute of Technology at 6 p.m.

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What's Going On?

A Look Around...

Second Annual Peregrine Festival

On Oct. 19 live music, activities for children of all ages, free food and horse and wagon rides will be available as part of the Second Annual Peregrine Festival. It will be held at the south end of the gym from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The event is co-sponsored by the Purdue Alumni Association. The festival is free and open to all PUC students, faculty, staff and alumni. To register call 989-2308.

Pep band

Student Activities and New Student Orientation are looking for any students interested in forming a pep band. For more information, go to SUL 104-B or call 989-2369 or 989-4160.

Chancellor's Reading Circle

The chancellor's reading circle will be held on Oct. 17 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Faculty member Samuel Liles will facilitate a discussion of the book "Wheels: A Story of Growing Up" by Doug Grosjean. Students interested in attending may register in SUL 104-B. Books are free.

Los Latinos

On Wednesday, Oct. 10 "Disappearance of Garcia Lorca" will be showing in Calumet Falls TV room from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. On Thursday, Oct. 11 in Cal Falls from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. salsa lunch lessons will be offered.

Music

The UPS music lunch series presents Drew Holcomb on Monday, Oct. 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Oaken Harbor Cafe in SUL.

Shipshewana

On Oct. 12 Student Activities is sponsoring a trip to Shipshewana from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A $10 reservation fee for students will be refunded on the bus. Deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 9 at noon.

Dance team

The PUC Dance Team is holding a dance camp for girls ages 4 to 14. Cost is $25 per dancer.This includes camp instruction, t-shirt and novelty props for the final performance.

The camp will be held at the Fitness and REC Center. Information Brochures are available in SUL 104-B or the Fitness and REC Center or call 989-4160. Dates for the camp are Oct. 16 and 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

On-campus interviewing

Radisson Hotels and Resorts are coming to give interview sessions on Oct. 9 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in SUL 321. Interview sessions will be held Oct. 10 and 11. Sign up for an interview on CareerTrax. Contact 989-2600 for help. Some positions looking to be filled include sales, front office management, housekeeping management and food and beverage management.

Fright Fest

A trip to Six Flags Great America Fright Fest will be on Saturday, Oct. 20. Departure will be at 11 a.m. and park departure at 10 p.m.

The cost is $40 per student for admission, transportation and meal voucher; $55 for faculty/staff/guest admission, bus and meal voucher; $45 for admission and meal voucher. Deadline to purchase tickets is Oct. 12 at noon.

Study-abroad program

Students who are interested in traveling to France to receive two three-credit courses in French can study abroad. The trip will take place from June 8 to July 6. For more information and details, contact Dr. Lu at lu@calumet.purdue.edu or 989-2292.

Submitting Briefs

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Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

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Students show support for blood drive

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Collin Hendron, a freshman majoring in nursing, took a time out from his schedule to donate blood at the blood drive.

Patricia Mathias
Staff Writer

IU versus PU. It's not a basketball game, but a challenge to see who can donate the most blood.

The blood driye is a statewide challenge, including each school's multiple campuses. PUC's blood drive last Tuesday and Wednesday provided 213 units of blood for Purdue's grand total.

The university with the most donors will be honored at the Old Oaken Bucket game on Nov. 18 at Ross-Ade Stadium.

This is the 10th year of the challenge, and IU currently has the bucket. The blood donations must be made between Oct. 1 and Nov. 9. Donations can be made at the American Red Cross in Merriville or Heartland Blood Center in Griffith. IUN's blood drive will occur Oct. 29.

Ken Johnston, vice chancellor for administrative services, has donated regularly for the last 30 years, and he said his wife and daughter have needed blood in the past.

PUC student Frank Gonzalez said he donates regularly, but especially made sure to donate at PUC for the challenge. Even though he liked the idea of the blood challenge, he said most of his friends did not really want to donate.

The event was held by the Wellness Center. Martha Lowry, wellness coordinator, said she is very proud of PUC students.

"It's a wonderful thing to watch students [donate blood]," she said, adding that the blood will be used in NWI and every unit of blood can potential save up to three lives.

Donations were by appointment, but walk-ins were welcome.

Wednesday afternoon, students had to wait in line to give blood because the gurneys were full. The Red Cross Staff were running behind schedule on account of the overwhelming number of people wanting to donate the last few hours of the drive. Some students could not wait to donate because they had to get to class.

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smoke-free PUC in the near future.

PUC just wants to create a healthy environment for the upwards of 9,000 students, plus all faculty and staff, he said. The current policy works well for most people, he added.

"It's the best of both worlds," Lukoshus said.

PUC's smoking policy was revised last year. The same general policies extend to Purdue University North Central and Purdue University West Lafayette. Smoking is not allowed directly outside doors, usually within 20 feet.

Lukoshus said PUC was the first campus to have banned smoking from inside buildings. Becoming smoke free has been a topic the administration has reviewed for years, according to Lukoshus.

The greatest challenge PUC is facing is respecting the policy, he said.

The university police can't be at all places at all times to enforce the rule. He said he knows smokers tend to huddle in front of doorways, not always respecting the 20 ft distance.

Hayley Camalick, a freshman majoring in psychology, thinks the no smoking policy is harsh.

"No one listens to the policy here. But if we can't smoke inside, let us have the outside," Camalick said.

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"[PUC is] for these students who want a Purdue education...and get all of the academic perks to a Big Ten school yet have a smaller class size and academic community," said Wes Lukoshus, assistant vice chancellor for advancement. "We offer the best of a big campus and more of the qualities that the small campus offers."

Agosta-Severa described PUC's enrollment rise as ongoing. This year marks the fifth year of growth in enrollment and she expects it to continue to rise.

Phase II of the UV is scheduled to open in fall 2009, allowing PUC to further their marketing and recruitment outreach. PUC's newly adopted experiential learning program is another characteristic, and its effects on enrollment have yet to be seen.

Soldier

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When I first found out my unit was activated in support of OIF, my initial reaction was mixed. I was finally doing what I've been training to do for the better part of my military career. I was finally a soldier going overseas, serving my country.

Yet while being a soldier once a month, I'm also a civilian for the rest of the time. Now I'm totally leaving my civilian side of me behind.

As time passed, I felt kind of angry that I was leaving. For the past four years, I've been waiting for the call to go overseas. I hadn't done much with my life with the expectation I was leaving. So I finally started college and began the process of making my way in life.

My life started to take a different path this past year. I liked the path it was taking. I'm working towards a BA in history, and enjoying every minute of it. I can honestly say I enjoy college.

It's kind of ironic now, with my life just starting, I'm called to serve overseas.

I'm now looking at this as a journey. Not many people get to make this journey.

Even fewer get the chance to write about it.

I approached my editors at The Chronicle with the idea of writing for the paper while overseas, hoping to share this journey from Iraq. I'm intending to write openly about what I see and observe, stories I hear and people I meet. I'm glad to share this journey with whomever wishes to read it at PUC.

So let the journey begin.

CTIS Connection

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Always Be Protected!

This is the second in a series about Internet Security directly from the Federal Trade Commission.

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- Do you use e-mail or instant messenger?

If you answered yes to at least one of the above questions, your computer is at risk of being infected with a virus, spyware, or malware. These programs are all described as being unwanted software that is installed on your computer through deception.

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Students discuss top economic powerhouses

Joseph Lesney
Chronicle Correspondent

The International Students Research Forum on Globalization had three panels on Oct. 5 about the current global economic developments in each country represented on campus.

The Student Research Office, the International Programs Library and the Office of Research and Professional Development sponsored the forum at the Calumet Conference Center.

George Hong, associate vice chancellor for research and professional development, said the number of international students attending PUC has multiplied six times over in the past three years, to the total of 387.

"With that many, it is necessary to represent them," said Hong.

B.R.I.C. represents the international community on campus. B.R.I.C. is an acronym for Brazil, Russia, India and China – four countries that will become the world's four biggest economies by $4 trillion in 2050.

"It gives us a better cultural understanding; it goes beyond friendship, beyond dialogue. It brings a chance for honest research and cultural expansion," said Kathleen Tobin, head of international programs which holds 23 active agreements with universities in other countries.

The primary panel discussed China's industrial boom and its cultural repercussions. "A Boat named China in the Wave of Globalization" was presented by two international students from the PUC graduate program.

Shuang Wu, a Chinese graduate student, said China is up and coming in the world's economy with a 2.792 Gross Domestic Product in 2006, ranking third in exports and imports in 2005.

"China is enjoying an economic growth, but with a growing population there comes a desire for greater wealth," said Wu.

The second panel, "The Impact of Globalization on India Society," discussed the economic and scientific strides India made upon the world market.

"At the age of 22, most Indian students have earned their bachelor's degree and are focusing on a career or earning a masters degree," said Sharma Deepika, India graduate.

With the third panel, "Brazil's Seen from the Outside," explained the complications of experiencing another culture through the media.

"The media brings a representation of other cultures; our main source of education is what we watch," said Ruby d'Azevedo, Surinamese undergraduate student.

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Enjoy college, baby free

Isabel Rodriguez
Editor in Chief

Poppin' out kids must be the latest trend, especially for college students.

Studies show students ages 18-24 have the highest rate of unwanted pregnancies in the United States, according to the Center for Disease and Prevention.

Yes, that's not surprising.

Here's a shocker: about 28,600 Indiana women (ages 20-24) are the second highest age bracket for pregnancies, second to ages 25-29 at 28,000.

How many of them are college students? Exactly.

Some say younger adults have the highest rate for anticipated parenthood.

Take a moment and think of having a kid in your life right now. Think of the 3 a.m. feedings after coming home from partying or warming up bottles while studying. Now that's the college experience.

It makes you wonder how many students are eager to jump the gun, get hitched and pregnant. Or is the other way around?

About 34 percent of college students are engaged, while a small 7.6 percent already wed.

I guess stalling the marriage process until graduatation may be an option, but not a popular one.

Can't wait to tie the knot or have a baby? Try a promise ring. Maybe that will settle you're yearning for a buddle of joy or walk down the aisle.

Students seem to be fixated on the love factor. College is the time where many get serious, buckle down with school and think of the future. And the future does, sometimes, include "second comes marriage then a baby in a baby carriage."

What happened to waiting?

I, too, have moments of – what I call – pure anticipation. You fall in love, get excited and allow the "love bug" to bite. I'm pushing 23 years old and already my mind is busy with thoughts of kids and marriage. There's nothing wrong with that. But acting upon those thoughts is where many students start getting into trouble.

There's nothing wrong with having kids at this age. If have kids, power to you. You have my utmost respect. I've watched my oldest sister juggle a bottle, my nephew and a construction technology book at one time.

I say, just keep daydreaming. Just remember to wake up to reality before you act.

Enjoy the college experience, baby free and spouse free.

Have feedback? Readers can contact Isabel Rodriguez at chronicle_eic @ yahoo.com or (219) 989-254

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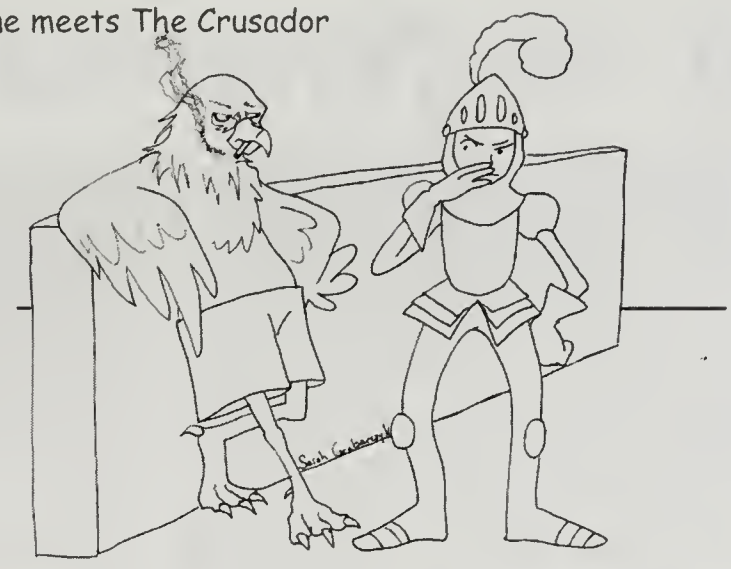

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Let them smoke

The issue: Indiana's initiative for smoke-free college campuses

Our opinion: Students have a right to smoke

About 24 percent of the adult population in the United States smokes. According to the World Health Organization Tobacco Atlas, that means almost one of every fourth person you see walking around smokes.

So why would PUC restrict smoking among the campuses if theoretically 2,210 people on this campus smoke?

According to the American Lung Association, 90 percent of smoking begins before the age of 21.

It wouldn't be more appealing to those seeking a college to attend.

Think about it.

Imagine a high school graduate searches for an Indiana college to attend, and is a smoker. Several universities already adopted the smoke-free policy. This could be a factor in enrollment, for any given Indiana school. The odds may be low, but are still present.

The initiative advocates a healthier lifestyle, and including the diminish of second-hand smoke. Yes, smokers congregate outside. Passerbys are exposed for only a matter of seconds, and studies show the odds of second hand smoke affecting health are low.

If smoking affect health so much, Indiana officials should ban cars on campuses too. The fumes are bad for anyone's health, too.

Though the intentions of this initiative are good, officials need to be practical. It's nearly impossible to take away someone's right to smoke. As long as they abide by the rules and stay within proximity of the smoking area, all should be well.

Keep in mind that a cigarette increase implemented this past summer, with extra funding towards health care. There's always a possibility of the amount of Indiana smokers decreasing. Decreasing with that amount effects funding.

If regulating smoking becomes a task, hire a firm to enforce –just as PUC did so a few semesters ago.

Indiana needs to be practical. Banning smoking just isn't.

Letter to the Editor

We are writing in response to your editorial from The Chronicle's Oct.1 edition. In that issue, your periodical took a stance in support of the CIA's past and, potentially, future presence on this campus. The article stated that the CIA was here to provide career services and cannot give a history of the organization and mislead students.

Additionally, your editorial staff claimed that because of our actions in protest of the CIA, students of this university lost an opportunity. We would like to address these opinions. In order for students to develop a truly balanced view with respect to a prospective employer, they must consider all facts regarding the organization in question. This includes the history of the employer, the duties which any potential job with that organization may entail, and the moral status of the employer.

Our presence near the CIA's table was to provide information to the campus community regarding the murderous history of the CIA and to deter their organization from portraying a one-sided picture. If the CIA intended to recruit our fellow students on our campus for employment, they should have been prepared to respond to any potential dissent or questions regarding their activities at home and abroad.

The SJC never threatened or attempted to harm the agent. If he decided to flee rather than be asked serious questions about the CIA's history, then our actions were useful. As students on this campus, we affirm our duty to distribute literature to other students.

What we did that day was expose the truth regarding the atrocities committed by the CIA on the oppressed people of the world. We reserve the right to share the truth and speak for those who have been denied a voice.

Sincerely,
The Social Justice Club of
Purdue University Calumet

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Guns have my respect

Caitlin Ryder
News Editor

A cop was recently shot and killed at a local gun range. I visited this same range about a month earlier to shoot for my first time.

I have always liked guns, but not for the reason I should. Guns were glorified in my eyes. It was a shiny and trendy. It was a plastic item, rappers sang about in songs and cops carried in holsters.

When I took my first shot that day, the realization of what guns really are hit me straight through the heart.

I don't think I ever really imagined what firing a gun would feel like. I realized the power when it jerked back and the bullet shot off in a pop of fire. My mind went blank as I watched the paper outline fly back. It scared me to death.

The loud blast echoed through my headphones seconds after. My arms fell like jell-o to my sides, and I had to take a minute to catch my breath.

I picked up the gun, still shaking, to take the second shot. The fear started creeping up my arms. I wondered if this is how soldiers and cops feel, knowing how much power they are grasping between sweaty palms.

Guns are deadly. This seems like stating the obvious. But, we may sing along to rap lyrics like G-Unit's "My Buddy" and get the wrong impression of a gun's power. The song is dedicated to bragging about how much a gun is cherished, and personifying it as a protector. Rappers and movies alike are sidelining guns as weapons that can easily kill someone.

Feeling that power only enforced how real the consequences are. Maybe most of us don't realize that until the pistol is pointed at us or when a loved one dies from a gunshot.

It is scary how people throw guns around like dice. But when that kind of power is messed with, it always lands on snake eyes.

I understand the NRA's position on gun control, and why other people would like to see guns disappear. Both opposing ideas can be respected.

I understand a bullet no larger than a forth of my pinky finger can shatter a family. That is real. We don't think about the reality in movies and songs—that someone is pulling the trigger and the bullet is shooting toward someone. Regardless of what end that person is at, they are still loved by someone, they belong somewhere,

My condolences go out to the family of that cop.

Guns don't make killers. People use guns to kill. That might be a cliché, but it's true.

Have feedback? Readers can contact Caitlin Ryder at chronicle_news_editor @ yahoo.com or (219) 989-2547.

Bushel of fun

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

The County Line Orchard, located in Hobart, is home to 38 acres of apple trees, a corn maze and a barn full of different sweets and gifts. Although the orchard featured both a haunted trail and barn in previous years, this season the haunted areas have been discontinued.

Jeff Wozniak
Staff Writer

Hobart's County Line Orchard features a wide variety of fun activities for people of all ages. The family-oriented apple orchard is home to 38 acres of apple trees, a corn maze and a barn chocked full of sweets and gifts.

Children and adults alike can pick apples, watch a hydraulic dinosaur devour pumpkins and pet animals in the petting zoo.

Thanks to a carefully chosen selection of apples, different types of trees become ripe throughout the entire season.

In previous years, the orchard featured a haunted barn and trail near the corn maze. The trail consisted of various spooky areas and ghouls in the small wooded area adjacent to the orchard.

Due to vandalism and other disruptive behavior, the haunted areas have been discontinued for the time being, though Mike Williams, manager of the maze and designer of the haunted attractions said they may return in the future.

Instead of the haunted trail, the orchard will offer weekend bonfires.

The orchard changed ownership in June 2006. It was purchased from the McAfee family by Kristen and Ryan Richardson and Kristen's brother Tom Collins, Jr. Tom and Kristen also work for the family's Luke Oil chain of gas stations.

Despite some early setbacks, the group made various successful improvements and additions to the orchard.

In addition to the orchard's obvious draw – more than 20 different types of apples to pick and eat – people swarm to County Line Orchard for its amazing doughnuts and enormous corn "MAiZE."

The maze covers 12 acres of land and contains almost three-and-a-half miles of trail. There is also a half-mile long fitness path around the perimeter for anyone who wants to walk in the field without the risk of getting lost. This year, the maze is in the shape of the orchard's logo.

For younger patrons, there is a much smaller straw maze.

During the few months it is open, County Line Orchard bustles with activity. According to Williams, the orchard sees around 42,000 people in a given season.

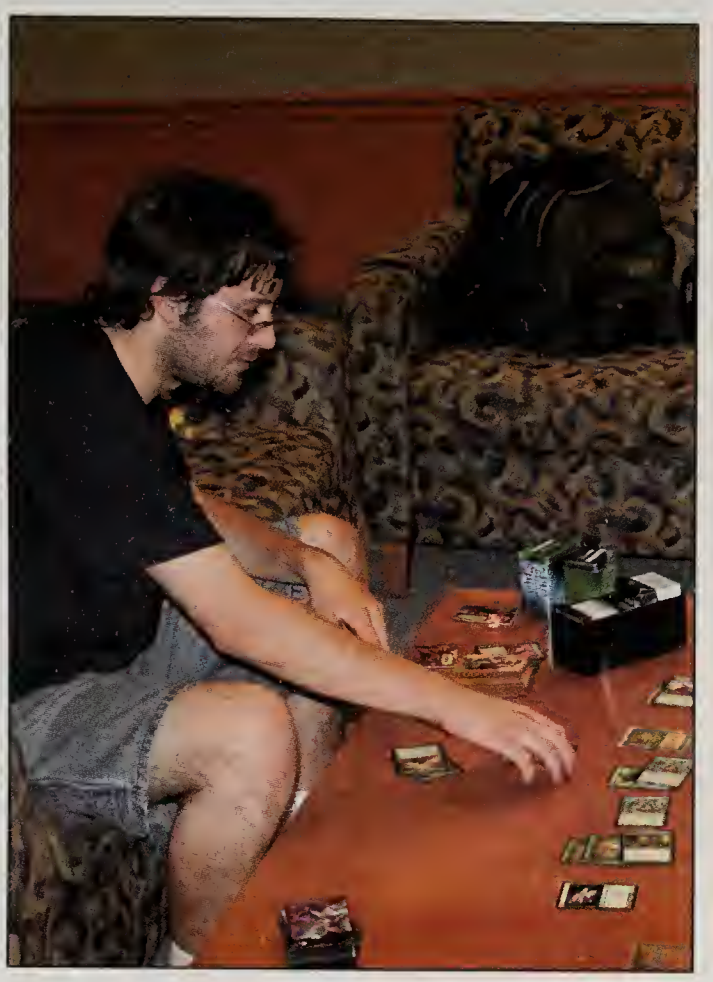
During the day, a large portion of these patrons are students on field trips where they pick apples, learn about the inner workings of beehives and the process of photosynthesis.

When the season is over, the orchard's main barn can be rented out for banquets and receptions.

The orchard is an excellent fall attraction that offers a wide variety of activities for family learning and entertainment, and magically captures the fun and busy spirit of harvest time.

County Line Orchard is a place to relax, have a snack, learn about agriculture and, of course, enjoy a delicious apple.

PUC game night



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SophomoreTom Zmuda plays a game of Guild Pact Thursday night during game night in Calumet Falls.

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Antonio Gordon, a sophomore majoring in game design, plays Twister Thursday night in Calumet Falls.

Who Said It?

"A good rule of thumb is if you've made it to 35 and your job still requires you to wear a nametag you've made a serious vocational error."

Last week's answer: Johnny Depp

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'Bug' gets under the skin

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Director William Friedkin's "Bug" provides a horror film with enough suspense and true soul-wrenchingly horrific moments that it keeps the audience at the edge of their seats. The DVD is not for everyone, but "Bug" will get under one's skin not because of what they see, but because of what they experience.

Jade Lee Lynch
Senior Staff Writer

Somewhere between a love story and a conspiracy theorist's worst nightmare lies the remarkably creepy tale, "Bug," directed by William Friedkin ("The Exorcist").

Rarely can an American horror film sustain such suspense, peak so sharply when it matters and trade cheap scares for soul-wrenchingly horrific moments the way writer Tracy Letts' "Bug."

Agnes (Ashley Judd) is a lonely woman living long-term in a shabby motel room. She works at a honky-tonk lesbian bar with friend R. C. (Lynn Collins), and spends her free time avoiding her abusive, just-out-of-jail ex while drinking large quantities of alcohol and sometimes doing drugs.

Then she meets Peter (Michael Shannon), a quiet and somewhat eerie man with a demeanor somewhere between a space alien and lost puppy. He has nowhere to go after a night of partying with Agnes and R. C., and one night on Agnes' sofa turns into a twisted love affair with more complications than you can shake a stick at – especially if that stick is covered with aphids which, according to Peter, are "plant lice."

Soon, Agnes and Peter have a lot more than one stick's worth of aphids to contend with.

Peter has a lot of secrets about his time in the military, an ability to "pick up things unapparent" and an unhealthy dose of paranoia.

Agnes has an ex-husband (Harry Connick, Jr., surprisingly convincing as a low-life jerk) who won't stop showing up at the worst possible times, enough depression to take the "O-K" right out of Oklahoma (where the film takes place), and a surprising ability to love someone so completely despite all the loss she's experienced.

With a different cast, this film would not have worked nearly as well as it does.

Letts' work began as a play, and it takes place mostly in Agnes' motel room. Shannon (who also performed Peter in the play) and Judd are so raw, and portray their devastatingly desperate characters with such painful realism, it's nearly impossible to look away.

And just when it seems like it can't get more intense, it does.

"Bug" – out now on DVD – is rated R for some strong violence, sexuality, nudity, language and drug use, but it's the suspense and the feelings experienced during the film that are most disturbing. This isn't a movie for everyone.

"Bug" gets under your skin and creeps through your veins – not because of what someone sees, but because of what they experience.

Nikki Sixx puts his life to music

Emmanuel Ali
Chronicle Correspondent

The official soundtrack to Nikki Sixx's book "The Heroin Diaries: A Year in a Shattered Rock Star" is exactly what it sounds like – eerie, paranoid and awesome.

Sixx, bassist player for the infamous band Motley Crue, shares his out-of-control life as a rock star that includes arrest, sex, scandal and drug addiction – stuff that led him to write a book.

The book, released last month, is based on a year when he suffered a major drug addiction. Sixx is featured on the soundtrack, released in August, with his group Sixx: A.M.

He wrote down his accounts, and just listening to the soundtrack brings the pages of the book to life.

The music gives an aura of the dark and insane feelings of a drug addict. It's filled with both hard rock and somber tracks.

Thirteen tracks long, the CD soundtrack includes singles "Pray for Me" and "Life is Beautiful," which reached 11 on the U.S. Mainstream Rock chart.

The opening track narrates a Christmas that Sixx spent alone, however the words are sometimes difficult to hear because the music drowns out his voice.

The tracks leading to the intermission are the best moments on the CD, with nothing special after the break. The only exception is "Girl with Golden Eyes," which is a great inspirational track.

"Girl with Golden Eyes" depicts the point in his life when he begins his rehabilitation. After the dark songs, it is relieving to see Sixx change his way of life and head towards a new path.

The last song may confuse those who haven't read the book. It sounds as if the bassist stops his drug addiction but does not change.

The soundtrack would get a four out of five for great music, but it's strongly recommend to read the book first before diving right into the album.

For a taste of the music visit:
myspace.com/heroindiaries

headbangersblog.mtv.com

Motley Crue bassist Nikki Sixx released a soundtrack to his book "The Heroin Diaries: A Year in a Shattered Rock Star," in August.

Check it out

This week in concerts

Blue October
Thursday,
5:30 p.m.
Vic Theater
Chicago, Ill.

Days of the New
Friday, 7 p.m.
The Pearl Room
Mokena, Ill.

Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony
Friday, 7:30 p.m.
United Center
Chicago, Ill.

Rascal Flatts
Friday, 8 p.m.
Allstate Arena
Rosement, Ill.

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Friday, 8 p.m.
Star Plaza Theater
Merrillville, Ind.

Jethro Tull
Saturday, 8 p.m.
Rialto Square Theatre
Joliet, Ill.

For more information and tickets visit:

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Can't get behind this either

Jade Lee Lynch
Senior Staff Writer

Two weeks ago, I listed things I can't get behind (from the William Shatner song), but I have one thing left to complain about – places that shouldn't have drive-thrus but do anyway.

There are lots of places where a drive-thru is fine – even expected – such as fast food restaurants like Taco Bell, McDonalds and Burger King.

I'll even grant the not-quite-fast-food places like Dairy Queen (though ordering a cooked-to-order burger in the drive-thru is likely to irritate all the ice cream seekers behind you), Boston Market and Long John Silvers.

There are places where a drive-thru just doesn't belong – like Starbucks.

If you can't get out of your car and wait in line to list off your silly-sounding coffee order, you don't need it. If you're in too much of a rush, skip the "Grande Mocha Latte with skim, no foam, please," and get a cup of actual coffee somewhere. If the weather is too treacherous to get out of the car, you probably don't need the distraction of boiling hot coffee while you drive.

For a long time, there was a Fazoli's Restaurant in Schererville (there's still one in Valparaiso and Indianapolis). Fazoli's is one of those not-quite-fast-food places, and takes awhile to get the food because they prepare dishes to order. They also serve messy, sauce-covered Italian dishes.

Fazoli's is a great example of a place with food too complicated and messy for drive-thru service.

But the one that bothers me most – the place at which I think a drive-thru is nothing short of ridiculous – is pizza places.

For instance, the Pizza Hut on Ridge Road in Griffith has a drive-thru. Pizza takes a long time to prepare, so ordering it through the drive-thru window (if you can even do that – I'm thinking you still have to order over the phone first) wouldn't make any sense.

If you call in your order and don't feel like walking into the establishment, have it delivered. If you call in but don't want delivery, step inside and pick it up.

I haven't even begun to figure out the physics of getting a pizza through the drive-thru window, through the car window, and down into the car without a cheese-covered disaster.

Michigan band is a real show stopper, literally

Ports of Aidia, a self-described alternative space rock band, causes a power outage every time they hit the stage

Amandali Nieves
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Ports of Aidia play the Michigan, Indiana and Illinois area and are currently working on a full-length CD. Although Warner Bros. has contacted them, they still remain independent.

Every time Ports of Aidia play a show, the power goes out. There is only one explanation – too much rock.

The band, out of Birch Run, Mich,. is used to it by now because it happens every time they perform – leaving following bands out of luck.

"No band plays as big as us," said bassist Tyler Morse. "All bands play with force, but I've never seen anyone do it like us."

For a band whose lineup has been together for a year, they've already made a name for themselves – mostly because they're such normal guys.

Ports of Aidia will watch Star Wars with someone and play Guitar Hero II later. After all, the name "Ports of Aidia" is from a video game.

"Ports of Aidia is in the second level of Turok 2," said Morse. "Me and my brother, the guitarist [Eliott Morse], said if we had a band it would be the name."

When guitarist Andrew Raquepaw dreamed of the name the day before the band officially formed, it was like destiny. There's no name more fitting for a band who describe their sound as alternative space rock, and tour on a minibus containing only mattresses and equipment – appropriately named "The Party Bus."

"Think of traveling through time and having a really nice spaceship," said Morse. "And this is the music you'd want to listen to on your space pod."

Before the current lineup, the band had a different singer. Jessica Sheppard fronted the mostly male Ports of Aidia with gusto and great vocals. Unfortunately, the band life had more downs than ups for the singer.

Shortly after recording their first EP "Reinventing the Victim," Sheppard and the band mutually agreed to find a new vocalist, and Josh Worley fit the bill.

"There are no hard feelings between us," said Morse. "Girls have something called a menstrual cycle and we didn't want to get attacked by bears at campgrounds."

Currently, Ports of Aidia are playing shows around Michigan, Indiana and Illinois, while writing new material for a full-length CD to follow their "Origami" EP.

"We just started sending out stuff to record labels to see if we could get picked up and get some sort of tour support," said Raquepaw. "We got some good responses and some bad ones, but what do you expect?"

Warner Bros. recently contacted Ports of Aidia, wanting a live video and fully recorded CD. But for now, they remain an independent six-member band.

Collegefreestuff.com takes time

Darshei Goode
Chronicle Correspondent

People are always attracted to free stuff. Collegefreestuff.com is a Web site that offers a wide variety of "free" products from essays to laptops.

The Web site presents numerous sites that offer free things as well, including freelaptopgiveaway.com for laptops, freeclassicclothes.com for jeans and picks-finder.com for essays. It also offers links allowing you to download free music like limewire.com and download.com.

Assuming things are legitimate, the best aspect of the Web site is getting free products with little effort and some general information.

The design of the Web site is quick, simple and to the point. It does not keep your attention, but it's not supposed to. The long list of things with the word "free" in front of them is what holds people's attention.

The Web site separates the products by categories, and it includes items such as CDs, clothes, games, cars, movies, money and posters.

It also offers information like:health and beauty tips, test preparations, teacher reviews and book notes. These include tips about weight and diet, dating opportunities, reviews on essays and shorter versions of books.

In order to sign up, one must have an e-mail address and be willing to give up information like a first and last name, an address and a phone number. Occasionally a birthday will be required as well.

One must go through and sign up to receive multiple other offers and refer other people – who need to do the same – to receive the free gift. If all steps aren't completed then the free product won't be sent.

If a student is willing and capable to provide all of the information and get through the process, then they should check out collegefreestuff.com. Remember, it can be time consuming and every step must be completed.

Today, I like Microsoft

Sean Davis
Chronicle Correspondent

I woke up today fully expecting to hate Microsoft and on most days I do.

Today was different for me though.

I got up and said to myself, "Eh, maybe I should install Vista Ultimate on my computer," and I did.

The idea of a new OS (Operating System) always frightens the little girl in me and this time was no different, my friends.

I grudgingly backed up all my important files (steam, my documents, all my saved games and movie folder), put in the Vista disk, and began the install. The install itself was really easy and I believe a monkey could have done it.

I formatted the hard drive I was using for my installation. It's better this way – or I could have installed Vista right over XP if I wanted to.

The whole process took less than two "Family Guy" episodes, and the next thing I knew I was looking at my new Vista Desktop.

Now for the neat stuff.

Vista Home Premium and above comes with Windows Aero, which lets you flip through your open windows in 3D by holding the Windows key and pressing Tab. All of the downloading animations have been spiced up as well.

The coolest feature is support for DirectX 10. DirectX 10 makes everything look and sound better in the games I play (like Bioshock). With the advent of DirectX 10, Microsoft is trying to make game development easier by using many Xbox-related sound inputs. It's good for all of us.

Don't let me forget to mention ReadyBoost.

ReadyBoost lets you use a flash drive or card as temporary RAM. Basically, it takes the things you use the most and stores them to the flash drive for quicker access times, but you're going to want a 2 GB or bigger flash device to see improvement.

Some people may like the sidebar feature in Vista, but I am not a huge fan. The sidebar lets you use "gadgets" which are small applets letting you see the weather or the time via a giant clock. It's just not my thing.

Vista Service Pack 1 is currently in development for release early next year – so we'll have to wait and see if I change my mind.

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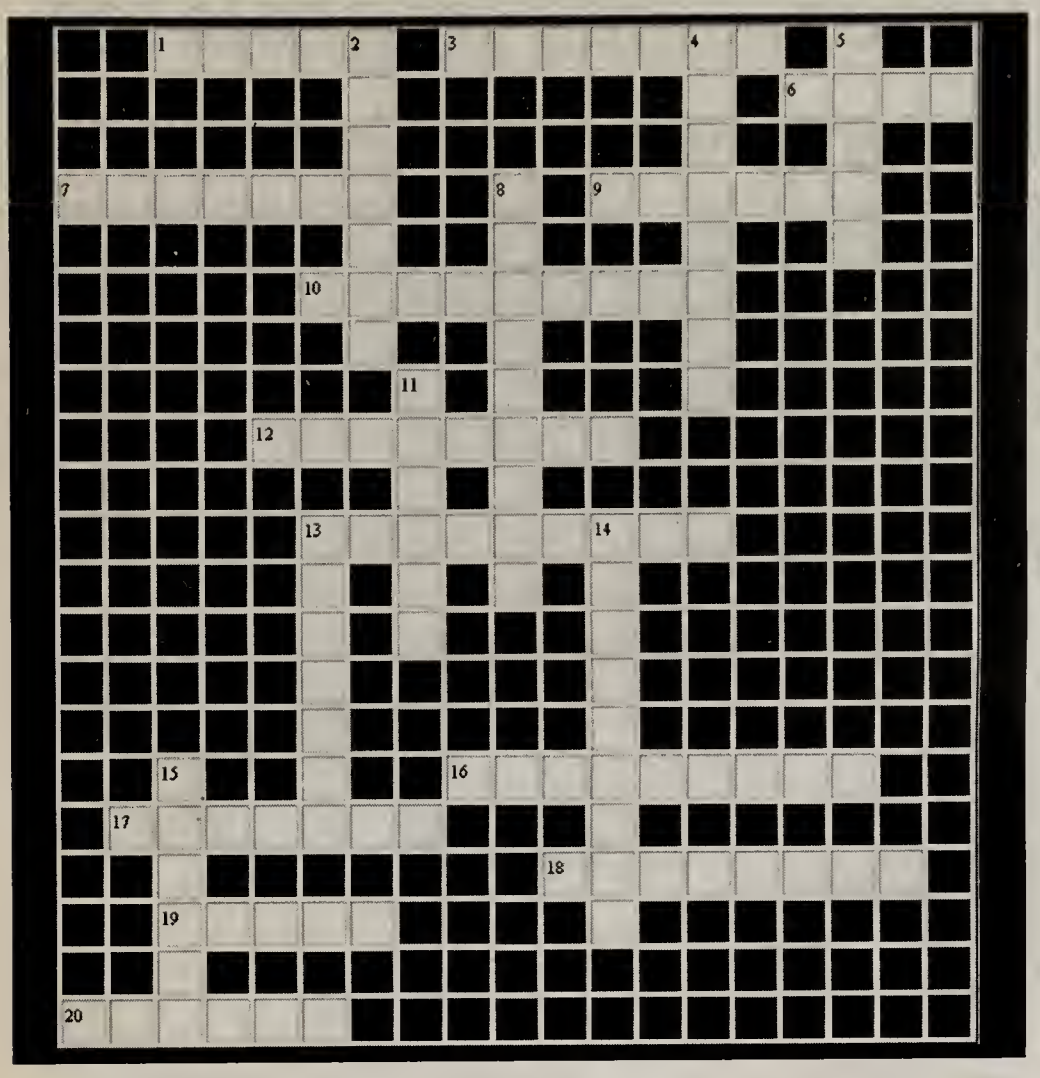

Cities around the world

Across

3. Hessville and Woodmar are areas located in this city
6. The cleanest city in America
7. Niagara Falls is located in this city
8. World's dirtiest city
12. Babylonian King, Nebuchadnezzar, led his army to capture this city in 597 B.C.E.
13. This city is "down under"
14. A place where you can win a lot of money
16. It rains a lot in this city
18. This city is known as the "windy city"
19. Charlemagne, was crowned the first emperor in this city on Christmas in 800 A.D.

Down

1. Anne Frank was born and raised in this major city
2. The capital of Egypt
4. Hosted the first Olympic Games in history
5. The most dangerous city in America
8. Drew Carey screamed that this city "rocked"
9. Means "Northern capital" in Chinese
10. Where the Beatles got their start
11. The capital of India
15. This city is ranked as number one with the highest population in the world
17. Fashion capital of the world
18. Major tourist resort in Mexico

Hammond Weather

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Monday
October 8
T-storms
87°/ 55°

Tuesday
October 9
Sunny, windy
73°/ 43°

Wednesday
October 10
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Thursday
October 11
Partly cloudy
55°/44°

Friday
October 12
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Saturday
October 13
Partly cloudy
60°/42°

Sunday
October 14
Sunny
63°/ 47°

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Sudoku

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*sudoku may have more than one solution

Go to www.pucchronicle.com for the answers to both the crossword puzzle and Sudoku.

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9-17-07
Potter - 12:15 p.m.
Theft
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9-18-07
University Village - 10:05 a.m.
Fire call
Closed pending further developments

SUL - 11 a.m.
Theft
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9-19-07
Parking lot 7 - 8:33 p.m.
Intimidation
Under investigation

9-20-07
2200 173rd - 12:10 a.m.
Public intoxication
Closed pending further developments

9-22-07
University Village - 3:11 a.m.
Theft
Under investigation

9-24-07
University Village - 8:50 p.m.
Fire report
Closed pending further developments

SUL - 7:30 p.m.
Lost or stolen item
Under investigation

9-26-07
Gyte - 2:40 p.m.
Theft
Under investigation

Gyte - 3:05 p.m.
Theft
Under investigation

9-27-07
SUL - 2 p.m.
Theft
Under investigation

P13 Parking Lot - 10 p.m.
Theft from vehicle
Under investigation

99 years and counting

Jeremy Homan
Sports Editor

It happened so fast.

It's like it didn't happen.

I'm talking about the brief playoff appearance for the Cubs. The dream season finished as a nightmare. The Cubs lasted but only three games in the playoffs and were swept by the Diamondbacks.

It looks like we'll see the 100th year anniversary for the last time the Cubs won the World Series.

There's no blaming a goat, a black cat or Steve Bartman for the early exit for the Cubs.

The Cubs only have themselves to blame. If they only remembered to bring their offense to the playoffs, they would have been in better shape. When Soriano, Ramirez and Lee go a combined 6-38 in the series, it's hard to win.

They had so many opportunities to win all three games, but they just didn't show up to play. For once we can't say they choked. They led only once throughout the series. To say they choked is wrong — they just didn't come ready to play.

There should be no second guessing Pinella's decision in game one to take Zambrano out — he was slated to pitch Sunday assuming the Cubs would make it. Besides, the Cubs needed to score for them to even win. The pitching got the memo for the playoffs, with the exception of Ted Lilly.

As a Sox fan, I took great pleasure in watching the Cubs lose. Since the Sox had a miserable season, I needed something to make it better. No true Sox fan should feel anything less than happy with the Cubs' losses.

Every Cubs fan had much to say about how good their Cubbies were. They were so much better than the Sox, which they were this year. The Cubs were supposed to take care of the Diamondbacks.

All you can hear now are crickets. Cub fans are dead silent. The streets of Wrigleyville on Sunday had the sweet sound of silence. No drunken fans yelling and screaming in the streets and no more Cubs this year.

All the money the Cubs spent over the off season was wasted this year. They have a good team to win next year and years beyond that, but they didn't do anything in the playoffs when it counted.

They might as well not have made the playoffs. I realize the Sox sucked, thanks for the reminder so many times this year.

The Cubs had the best-case scenario in the playoffs by not facing the Rockies or Phillies, two of the hottest teams in baseball going into the playoffs. No Cubs fan should be satisfied with just making the playoffs.

Winning the National League Central should not be enough. They had a 19 game win increase from last season. Big deal.

I will admit the Cubs had a good team this year and performed completely under their ability. The Cubs and October just aren't meant to be. There's a reason they haven't won a World Series since 1908 and haven't been to one since 1945.

The Cubs have 99 years down and one more to go until we can pop the champagne cork for their 100th year anniversary.

They are "loveable losers" and will be for a while.

Taylor scores six goals for Expansion Team's victory

Chronicle photograph by Nathyn D. Gibson

Expansion's Alex Flores and Untouchables' Justin Arvay fight for possession of the ball on Tuesday.

Laura Montesinos
Chronicle Correspondent

Adam Taylor led the Expansion Team to their first win of the season defeating the Untouchables 12-2.

Taylor, a junior in fitness management, scored six goals in the victory Monday night at the REC Center in the first week of intramural floor hockey.

The Expansion Team scored early in the first period to take the lead.

Sophomore nursing major Justin Arvay scored the first of only two goals on the night for the Untouchables in the first period to tie the score at 1-1.

The Untouchables trailed 3-1 at the beginning of the second period when they scored again, making the score 3-2.

The defending champions frustrated the Untouchables' offensive attempts and widened the deficit when Taylor and Alex Flores rallied for eight goals in the remainder of the second and third periods against rookie goalie Tom Zmuda. Flores also had two assists.

Despite their loss, Arvay is looking towards the future.

"We can only get better," Arvay said. "I'm satisfied that we scored quick goals early in the game."

The Expansion Team's offense dominated from their first goal of the game up through Taylor's post-goal bow toward the crowd as the clock winded down.

Taylor credited his team's solid defense that held the Untouchables to two goals and allowed him and his teammates to keep scoring.

Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik feels the Expansion's defense is going to be tough to beat this year.

"Other teams are just out there to score goals and not play defense," said Dudzik.

Taylor scored 18 goals in five regular season games last year – the second most goals scored in the 2006 intramural floor hockey season.

With the momentum from this game and with five more weeks until the playoffs, he is in good shape to claiming the number one spot for most goals scored.

NATIONAL LAMPOON SPORTS MINUTE OR SO

Major League Baseball has set an attendance record for the fourth straight season. But the old attendance record was set by fans who trained naturally.

Barry Bonds made his last appearance as a San Francisco Giant. Wherever he ends up next year, you will still be able to see his head from San Francisco.

David Beckham returned to Britain after his father suffered a near-fatal heart attack. Man, that whole family will fake injury to avoid showing up to work.

A cheating scandal has ensnared 23 student-athletes at Florida State. The news shocked many who didn't realize the university still offered classes.

Notre Dame football is so bad that this week, they lost to the Mets.

The New York Giants set a team record by sacking Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb 12 times. McNabb spent more time on his back than Paris Hilton.

Due to the distraction, NFL cheerleaders are no longer allowed to stretch in front of any player except Jeff Garcia. Tom Brady must also stop impregnating them.

This far into the season and St. Louis Rams defensive end Leonard Little has no sacks or murders.

And Pat Bertoletti inhaled 21 pounds of grits in 10 minutes to win $4,000 in the World Grits Eating Championship. Bertoletti will be using the money toward his next triple bypass.

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Hammond Bears win shootout in overtime

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Staff Writer

In a game that resembled a shoot out at the O.K. Corral, the Hammond Bears defeated the Dead Heads 63-56 in overtime last Monday night in the REC Center gym.

This was the Bears' first game of the season. They took the place of the Bumble Bees, who dropped out of the league.

The Dead Heads were looking to continue their undefeated season. They were in good shape at the end of the first half as they led 42-35.

During the second half, the Dead Heads failed to score on two important drives, one of which was deep in the Bears' territory.

After Dead Heads' quarterback Ryan Pufahl threw a pass intercepted by Bears' Jonathan Hill, the Bears looked to win on one final play.

With only one second left, Hammond Bears' quarterback Marcus Summers threw a pass, which deflected off of the gym's roof, forcing the game to go in to sudden death overtime.

"Heads it is," said Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik, informing the Bears they won the coin toss to receive possession of the ball to start overtime.

Chronicle photo by Rick Balutewics

Hammond Bears quarterback, Marcus Summers looks for an open player to bass the ball to in their game against The Dead Heads.

During the first drive, Summers rushed into the end zone on first down to seal the victory for the Bears and cap of a high-scoring game.

"I had my ups and downs," said Summers, a junior majoring in hospitality and tourism management. "We prevailed as a team though. We came together."

The Bears will look to improve their record on Wednesday against Off in Church.

The Dead Head's will be in action Monday night as they take on Fano's.

Box Scores

Volleyball

Teams	1st	2nd	3rd
Hawaiian Punch def. Eurostars	21-12	21-13	21-17
The Swan def. SOCO Spikers	21-12	12-21	21-18
Spiked Punch def . Team Poofy	21-10	21-10	21-15
Volley Von Spikers def. PUC Spikers	21-11	21-9	21-14
Big Dogs def. PUNS	21-14	13-21	21-14
Did That Hurt? def. Butternuts	21-19	21-14	21-15

Volleyball Standings (Games)

North Conference Teams	Win	Loss	PTS
Hawaiian Punch	9	0	6
Did That Hurt?	7	2	6
Volley Von Spikers	6	3	4
EuroStars	4	5	2
Butternuts	1	8	0
PUC Spikers	0	6	0
South Conference Teams	**Win**	**Loss**	**PTS**
The Swan	6	3	6
Spiked Punch	6	0	4
Big Dogs	6	3	4
Team Poofy	3	3	2
SOCO Spikers	3	6	2
PUNS	2	7	0
Bump, Set, Spike	1	5	0

Volleyball Standings (Matches)

North Conference Teams	Win	Loss
Hawaiian Punch	3	0
Did That Hurt?	3	0
Volley Von Spikers	2	1
EuroStars	1	2
Butternuts	0	3
PUC Spikers	0	3
South Conference Teams	**Win**	**Loss**
The Swan	3	0
Spiked Punch	2	0
Big Dogs	2	1
Team Poofy	1	1
SOCO Spikers	1	2
PUNS	0	3
Bump, Set, Spike	0	2

Flag Football Week 3

Hammond Bears	63
Dead Heads	56

Scoring by half	1st	2nd	OT	Tot
Hammond Bears	35	21	7	63
Dead Heads	42	14	0	56

Hammond Bears [HB]			
First Downs			0
Pass att/comp/int	26	13	1
Rushes			4
Fumbles/lost		1	1
Sacks			1
Dead Heads [DH]			
First Downs			1
Pass att/comp/int	27	14	1
Rushes			5
Fumbles		1	0
Sacks			0

Individual Scoring (Progression through time)	HB	DH
[HB] Marcus Summers- rush	7	0
[DH] Pete Davis- returned fumble for TD	7	7
[HB] Alex Flores- reception	14	7
[DH] Zach Biscuso- reception	14	14
[HB] Alex Flores- recepetion	21	14
[DH] Zach Biscuso- reception	21	21
[HB] Marcus Summers- rush	28	21
[DH] Zach Biscuso- recepetion	28	28
[DH] Zach Biscuso- fumble recovery	28	35
[HB] Marcus Summers- rush	35	35
[DH] Zach Biscuso- reception	35	42
[HB] Jonathan Hill- reception	42	42
[DH] Zach Biscuso- reception	42	49
[HB] Alex Flores- reception	49	49
[DH] Ryan Pufahl- interception return	49	56
[HB] Alex Flores- reception (lateralk from Summers)	56	56
[HB] Marcus Summers- rush	63	56

Pro Sports Notebooks

The Arizona Diamondbacks swept the Chicago Cubs in the National League Division Series on Saturday night three games to zero. The Cubs' "big three" hitters, Aramis Ramirez, Derrek Lee, and Alfonso Soriano played poorly going 6-for-38 with zero runs batted in. Next year marks the Cubs 100th anniversary from their last World Series title.

The Colorado Rockies eliminated the Philadelphia Phillies in the NLDS in Denver on Saturday night in sweeping fashion three games to zero. The Rockies are scorching hot when it matters most, having won 17 of their last 18 games.

Pirates' manager Jim tracy was fired after only two seasons with the club. The Pirates finished last in their division.

The Cardinals picked up the $8 million option on pitcher Jason Isringhaussen's contract.

Chargers running back LaDanian Tomlinson has gotten off to a slow start and is visibly frustrated. The Bears defense has been dealt with a bevy of injuries and is having a hard time replacing the top-notch starters. Drew Brees is struggling with seven interceptions to go along with his one touchdown pass.

The NFL leading rusher, Denver Broncos' running back Travis Henry failed a league drug test and had marijuana in his system in a urine test. Henry will be suspended for a full year if his petition to the league does not go through.

Last year's successful playoff teams San Diego Chargers, Chicago Bears and New Orleans Saints have a combined record of 2-9 heading into Sunday's games. Injuries have decimated the former playoff teams and each is dealing with what was once a strength on the team has turned sour.

New York Knicks' president and coach Isiah Thomas and the company that employs him, Madison Square Garden, lost their sexual harassment trial last Tuesday to former employee Anucha Browne Sanders. Madison Square Garden was ordered to pay Browne Sanders $11.6 million, one of the largest sexual harassment judgments in history.

LeBron James attended the MLB playoffs in his hometown, Cleveland, on Thursday night to watch the series between the Indians and Yankees.

Charlotte Bobcat's forward, Sean May, will miss the upcoming season undergoing microfracture surgery on his troublesome right knee. May, a former Indiana high school Indiana Mr. Basketball and a native of Bloomington will have the surgery on Tuesday in New York. The procedure includes creating tiny holes in bones around the knee to try to stimulate cartilage growth.

LSU, the No. 1 team in the country, defeated No. 9 Florida 28-24 in Baton Rouge on Saturday night to solidify their position as the nation's best team.

The Tigers of LSU used a dual quarterback system that featured starters Matt Flynn and Ryan Perilloux, who came into spell the quarterback in goal line situations to take advantage of his speed and physicality.

In what might be college football's biggest upset, No. 2 USC Trojans was shocked Saturday by Stanford 24-23 at the LA Coliseum where USC plays its home games.

The nation's longest win streak of 14 games was snapped at Champaign, Ill. on Saturday as Illinois beat No. 5 Wisconsin 31-26.

Undefeated Big Ten teams Purdue and Ohio State faced off on Saturday night in West Lafayette as the No. 4 Buckeyes steamrolled the No. 23 Boilermakers 23-7. The Buckeyes stellar defense held the Boilermakers potent offense which averaged 45 points a game to a measly garbage time fourth quarter touchdown.

PUC loses two to Prairie State

Jeremy Homan
Sports Editor

Tied 5-5 in the bottom of the seventh inning, Prairie State College scored the game-winning run on a pass ball to take game one of the double header 6-5 against PUC. PUC later lost the second game of the double header 9-5.

"Our hitting was there, we had some errors that led to some unearned runs," said head coach Jon Nourie.

Center fielder Clayton Milam went 1-4 with two RBIs and one run scored in the game one loss.

After already leading 2-1, PSC plated two more runs in the bottom of the fourth to increase their lead to four.

PUC responded to the deficits and scored four runs in the top of the fifth inning to take the lead.

"I thought it was good that our guys battled when they were down," said Nourie.

PUC held a 5-4 lead in the bottom of the fifth, but surrendered the tying run. PSC later scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

"We hit really well," said catcher Chris Ramirez, who went 0-1 in the game with two walks. "With only one umpire we had some calls that didn't go our way."

PUC never held the lead in game two, but had their opportunities to take the lead. PUC was down 3-1 in the fifth.

"We got down early and just couldn't battle back," said Ramirez. Ramirez went 1-2 for the game with one run scored and an RBI to go with two walks.

After Chris Revis scored a run on a throwing error by the center fielder in the fifth inning, PUC loaded the bases with no outs, but stranded all three runners and came away with no more runs for the inning. PUC remained tied with PSC going into the bottom half of the fifth inning.

"We definitely had our opportunities, but we didn't come through when we needed to," said Nourie.

Catcher Phil Garza went 3-4 for the game and scored twice. Robert Escobedo got the start on the mound. He gave up two runs in two innings of work before Alex Kerr came in for relief.

Kerr pitched the remainder of the game. He gave up seven runs, but only four earned. Kerr drove in a run during the first of his two at bats for the game to keep the score close.

"Our pitching did pretty decent today" said Nourie. "We unfortunately made some costyl errors and they had the hits when they needed."

Chronicle photo by Jeremy Homan

Shortstop Chris Revis went 3-4 with a run scored in the game one loss to Praire State College Friday. PUC lost both games , 6-5 and 9-5. The losses dropped PUC's fall record to 1-5.

PSC had a 5-4 lead in the bottom of the fifth and added four more runs to make the score 9-4. PUC added one more in the top of the sixth inning to cut the lead to four, but the game was called due to darkness.

"We seem to improve every day we play," said Ramirez. "We definitely will feel confident going into next spring.

Spiked Punch victorious

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Spiked Punch, formerly known as A Taint Away, won their second consecutive game of the season Thursday night in the REC Center against Team Poofy, 21-10, 21-11 and 21-15.

Before the match began Spiked Punch's (2-0) Sydney Ruman, a freshman majoring in biomedical engineering, felt confident about her team.

"We're going to win," said Ruman.

Her statement proved true as they won all three games.

Team communication was the main focus for the night. Both teams yelling "I got it" and "help" accompanied each play. Communication helped each team rack up the points by knowing the needs of their teammates.

In the first match, Team Poofy (1-1) fell short behind Spiked Punch 21-10. Team Poofy's Bianca Del Rio, a junior majoring in marketing, feels her team could have done better.

"We did okay," she said, "Actually, we didn't do good, but it's only our second game. Last week we had a bye."

In their second match, Spiked Punch once again took the win as their team led 7-0 at one point in the game. Team Poofy put up a good fight to try and close the gap, but fell behind, losing 11-21.

Chronicle photo by Kaitii Bandura

Spiked Punch member Kaitlin Craig, passes the ball.

With a team total of 3 aces, 5 kills and 1 block, Spiked Punch took the third game, winning 21-15.

Debbie Ferguson, operations assistant of New Student Orientation, stayed to watch the game and support Spiked Punch.

"I think they did wonderful, and they play well as a team," she said. "They're doing much better this year than last year."

Spiked Punch's Nick Ferguson, a junior majoring in organizational leadership and supervision, feels his team improved from the previous week.

"We did a lot better than last week," he said. "We actually played together this week."

Baseball Box Score

Game 1

								R	H	E
Purdue University Calumet	0	1	1	0	1	4	0	5	7	2
Prairie State College	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	6	9	3

Purdue University Calumet Club Baseball	ab	r	h	rbi
Arflin, P	4	0	0	1
Escobedo, 3B	4	1	1	0
Revis, SS	4	1	3	0
Milam, CF	4	1	1	2
Garza, DH	4	1	1	0
Ramirez, C	1	0	0	0
Kleszynski, 1B	3	0	0	0
Melendez, 2B	2	1	0	1
Gentry, RF	3	0	1	1
Totals	29	5	7	5

Game 2

								R	H	E
Purdue University Calumet	0	1	0	2	1	1	X	5	10	3
Prairie State College	0	7	1	2	4	X	X	9	11	3

Purdue University Calumet Club Baseball	ab	r	h	rbi
Arflin, SS	4	0	0	0
Escobedo, 3B	4	0	0	0
Revis,2B	4	1	2	0
Milam, CF	3	0	2	1
Garza, C	3	2	3	0
Ramirez, DH	2	1	1	1
Klesynski, 1B	2	0	1	0
Melendez, 2B	2	0	0	1
Kerr, P (sub in 3rd inning)	2	0	1	1
Cabrera, RF	3	1	0	0
Totals	29	5	10	4